

CLAIMS AMENDMENT

1. (currently amended): A stable dried Factor VIII composition containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of albumin, obtainable by a process which consists essentially of freeze-drying an aliquot of aqueous solution of native Factor VIII containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of a stabilizing amount of albumin.
2. (currently amended): The composition, according to of claim 1, containing 0.15 to 2.5 mg trehalose per unit of blood factor.
3. (currently amended): The composition, according to of claim 1, wherein said native Factor VIII is recombinant.
4. (previously presented): The composition, according to of claim 1, containing 1.0 to 1.5 mg calcium ionCa² per unit of Factor VIII.
5. (currently amended): The composition, according to of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises salt and the molar ratio of said trehalose to said salt is above 1:1.
6. (currently amended): The composition, according to of claim 5, containing more than 2.5 moles trehalose per mole of salt.
7. (currently amended): The composition, according to of claim 6, containing more than 10 moles trehalose per mole of salt.
8. (canceled)
9. (currently amended): A method of preparing a stable dried blood factor Factor VIII composition containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of a stabilizing amount of albumin [[in]] which process comprises vacuum drying an aqueous solution of native Factor VIII containing trehalose and absent a stabilizing amount of albumin is dried at a temperature no greater than 25°C so as to form a foam.

10. (currently amended): The method, ~~according to of~~ claim 9, wherein said drying is in which the solution is dried at a temperature no greater than 10°C.

11. (currently amended): A method for preparing a Factor VIII therapeutic composition for administration to a patient ~~by injection~~ wherein said method comprises reconstituting a stable dried Factor VIII composition containing a stabilizing amount of trehalose in the absence of albumin the composition of claim 1 to obtain an isotonic solution.

12. (currently amended): The method, ~~according to of~~ claim 11, wherein said composition is reconstituted with water.

13. (currently amended): The method, ~~according to of~~ claim 11, wherein said composition is reconstituted with saline.

14-19. (canceled)